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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at BrothersoftheWord.com or one of our social media channels. We are so happy and delighted to have you to tune in and join us today.

I would like to share just a little humor. The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. And at the head of the table was a large tray of apples and a nun wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray that said, “Take only one, God is watching.” Moving along the lunch line at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A little girl wrote a note, which she placed next to the tray of cookies that said, “Take all you want, God is watching the apples.”

Well, we are sharing Part 4 of Psalms 91 Living Under God’s Protection. Psalms 91 Living Under God’s Protection. This is Part 4. I’m going to try to wrap it up and conclude today. We have covered Verses 1 through 12 so far. We’ve covered Verses 1 through 12 and today we’re going to pick up with Verse 13. I have really been just amazed that God’s covenant of protection that he provides us throughout his word. He’s always provided protection for his people.

We saw Daniel in the lion’s den, Angel of the Lord came into that holding den of lions where Daniel was thrown in. The Angel of the Lord shut the lion’s mouths and dared them to even sniff around Daniel and the Angel of the Lord kept him safe all night. And so we see God’s hand of protection moving throughout scriptures. He did the same thing for the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace. The Angel of the Lord appeared there. Actually, it’s not really clear whether that was an angel or Jesus himself that appeared in the burning fiery furnace with the three
Hebrew boys. It protected them. Now, this wasn’t normal ordinary heat. This heat was seven times hotter than normal fire.

So this was some hot fire. In fact, the fire was so hot, the men that threw the three Hebrew boys into the fire, they died just from throwing them in, so that was some hot heat coming out of that furnace. And the three Hebrew boys went into their furnace and walked around. Not only were they protected but the Bible says that their hair wasn’t even singed. Neither did their clothes even smell like smoke.

So God can protect us in the fiery furnace. They were in the furnace, but they were free and protected. So God can protect us no matter what comes against us or no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in life. We are able to live under God’s protection.

This was an interesting test when I was reading in one of Marilyn Hickey’s books, and that was just an outstanding account of God’s protection there and I’ll read it to you very quickly. She says one of our guest speakers spoke in one of our services and she spoke about how God had protected her doing an evangelistic tour to the Eastern Bloc countries.

While she and her husband were in Poland, the Holy Spirit instructed her to go with a portion of the team into East Germany. Her husband was to continue to work in Poland. After several days of ministry in East Germany, she boarded a train to return to her husband. She was totally unfamiliar with that part of East Germany and after switching trains several times, was unsure where to go next.

When the train stopped, everyone disembarked thinking that she probably was to do the same. She stepped off the train and went over to ask directions from two Russian policemen who were in that particular station.

The men immediately ordered her back onto the train which by this time was totally abandoned. They followed her on board and began several hours of intense interrogation and physical abuse. When they did not get the information they wanted, the policeman decided to arrest her and take her to KGB
Headquarters. Unaware that the evangelist was fluent in the Russian language, the policeman spoke openly. “Why should we go to the expense of keeping this woman in jail?” the head officer asked the guard. “Let’s just put her at the mercy of our German Shepherds.” “Good idea,” the guard responded. “Then, we will be rid of her.”

These demonically-controlled men were well aware that their German Shepherds were no ordinary house pets. They were trained killers that upon command would instantly gouge out a person’s throat. So the policeman shoved this helpless woman into the cage where the dogs were kept and shouted, “Kill her.” Immediately, one dog leaped toward her throat. In that same terror-stricken moment, she pointed at the dog and heard herself shout, “I resist you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Instantly, the dog dropped back and lay transfixed on the floor. The Russian police kept giving the command, “Kill! Kill! Kill!” But the word of God had already proceeded from the woman’s mouth. The German Shepherds were immobilized. The Lord had delivered this brave woman from the killer dogs, but that wasn’t the end of this woman’s encounter with the Lord.

Soon, a third uniformed official whose appearance was totally different from the Russian guards entered the room. This man had a kind face that radiated God’s love and mercy. Quietly, he unlocked the cage and motioned the woman to walk toward the door. “Come with me,” he said. The kindly official ushered the woman into a private room where he served her a four-course meal, which was a welcome refreshment since she had eaten nothing in over 24 hours.

Then the guard escorted her through several checkpoints and through the maze of transfers necessary for her to return to Poland. She could have never found her way without this stranger. When the official had placed her safely on the last train, he handed her a first-class ticket, the finest seating the train had to offer. Then he looked into her grateful eyes and spoke a final exhortation. “In all that you do, always, always remember remain faithful to your Lord Jesus Christ to the very end.” Then he vanished before her eyes.

She had been in the presence of an Angel. Praise God. So that was just a modern-day account very similar to Daniel and the
lion’s den, but that was a modern-day account of angels being involved in our protection, being involved in our deliverance and it is so exciting to have this heavenly assistance, these heavenly messengers, heavenly protection. I like to call angels CIA. Their heaven’s CIA. Covenant enforcing agents.

Now I know enforcing starts with a E but I makes up CIA. We’re going by their phonetic spelling. Covenant enforcing agents CIA. Heaven’s CIA or your heavenly angels that have been given charge to protect you, to accompany you to assist you, to serve you, to minister for you in the earth. We have heaven’s assistance in the earth.

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God actually has given charge to his angels. He has instructed them. He’s commanded them. He has ordered them to assist us, to protect us, to accompany us and to keep us safe while we are on earth and it is part of God’s protection plan, his system of defense security for us. So we are grateful. So we’re learning about that in Psalms 91 and that actually concluded Verse 11 and 12, “For he will give his angels a special charge over you to accompany defend and preserve you and all your ways of obedience and service.” Verse 12, “They should bear you up in their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

Then, we’ll pick up today with Verse 13. Notice this, it says, “Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.” Now, this has to do with demons, has to do with evil spirits and so forth. And so this is pretty interesting because this is really prophetic. This is prophetic and so this is actually looking to the day of Christ because when Jesus would come, he would give us authority over all the power of the enemy.

And so when Jesus would come, he would defeat Satan, he would defeat all of evil and he would deliver us from Satan’s authority and now he would give us authority over all the power of the enemy. And so I love this because this is really a prophetic. So Verse 13 is prophetic. It’s looking toward the day of Christ. It’s looking toward the day of Christ. So notice what it says about us, “Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and dragon shalt thou trample under feet.” Adder and dragon, those are serpents. Those are snakes.
So you'll tread on snakes and the devil is called the old serpent. He's called the old dragon. He's referred to as a snake and so we understand he's also referred to as a roaring lion. So we understand the imagery here is of evil spirits, is of demons and so forth, the evil powers that we would tread and we would have authority through Christ Jesus. We have authority over all the power of the enemy. He's under our feet. Jesus defeated him and we share in Christ's victory. He has given us his name and we exercised that authority in the earth today. Isn't that good?

When Jesus was walking around on the earth, the disciples came back and they were so excited. They said, “Jesus, even the spirits subject unto us through your name.” Jesus said, “That's nothing.” He said, “Man, I was there when God kicked Satan out of heaven to begin with.” He said, “I saw him falling.” And he said, “You should have seen that jugger falling from heaven.” He was a scared rat falling out of heaven. So Jesus said, “This is nothing. Don't be excited over there. Of course, you've got power over the enemy. Of course you have power over him. That's nothing. He's a defeated foe. He's a defeated foe.”

You can really study this and you really want to study it further. You can look at Colossians. I'm thinking of Colossians 2:15. You can also look at Hebrews 2:14. Jesus came to destroy him that had the power of death talks. Speaking of the devil, Jesus came to destroy him. He destroyed him. You look at Colossians 2:14, the Bible says that Jesus made an open show of him, a spectacle, stripping him, disarming him through the cross. So he defeated all the devil and all his cohorts. He defeated them at Calvary's cross and he has given us his name and authority. So we have defeated him as well. And so we defeat the devil.

That's why we put on the whole armor of God. Notice that you put on the whole armor of God, you can take the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God and you continue whipping the devil. You continue whipping the devil with the sword of the spirit. And so we exercise authority over the devil, but I love this in Psalms 91 Verse 13, it's prophetically looking forward to this day, which we live in right now.

“Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young Lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.” Praise God. Amen. Amen. The devil is under our feet and he knows it and he fears
any believer who will find out that they would know -- he fears any believer that finds out the truth of that. He doesn't want anybody to know because he’s able to connive and use his power over somebody who doesn’t know that.

But once you know it, oh man, he cripples in his boots because now, you know the truth, you know the truth. So anyway, he’s a defeated foe and he has no power, no authority over us at all. Praise God. So we actually exercised Jesus’ authority in the earth over the devil right now. Praise God. So that’s what Verse 13 is letting us know. You don’t have to fear evil spirits. You’ve been given authority. Jesus did it while he was on the earth. He gave his disciples. I give you authority of all the power of the enemy. He said, “I want you to go and you go,” and they were just so excited.

You’ll see it in Luke Chapter 10 Verse 17, 18, 19. You see it in Luke Chapter 9:1 and 2. You see that he gave them power over evil spirits and man, and actually that was even before he went to the cross. Jesus couldn’t even wait till he went to the cross to start whipping the devil. He started whipping the devil while he was just walking around but then when he went to the cross, that’s when he just broke his back. He crushed his head at the cross.

In fact, the Bible says that if the devil had known what he was doing, he never would have crucified it. Jesus broke his back, defeated him, destroyed them. Oh, man, don’t get me started. Don’t get me started because that’s exciting. I love talking about the devil. You know anytime the devil tries to bother you, you ought to just say to the devil, “Devil, have you read the end of the Bible?” If you haven’t, you’ve got to say, “Mr. Devil, if you haven’t read the end of the Bible, you should flip over to the Book of Revelations, but it doesn’t look too good for you. It doesn’t look too good.”

You know what the Bible says? The Bible says that when you finally see the devil, you’re going to look at him and you’re going to say, “Is this the little worm that terrorized nations? Is this the little worm that calls and wreaks so much havoc and destruction? Is this the little worm that manipulated so much evil?” He’s going to look narrowly on him. That’s the truth. That’s the truth. But
in the Book of Revelations, towards the end of Revelation, man, the devil’s done. He’s cast into a lake of fire forever and he is toast. He is done.

So anytime the devil bothers you, just say, “Mr. Devil, have you read the book of Revelations lately, because your end does not look too good buddy. Your end does not look too good and then, plus you’re already whipped. You’re already defeated. You’re already stripped. You’ve already been disarmed and destroyed by what Jesus has done to you and I’m his representative. I am in him. He’s in me. And if you keep messing around, I’ll go upside(ph) your head again.”

That’s how you take your authority, you take your authority. He’s already defeated. He’s already defeated. I remember when I was growing up, I witnessed all of the guys in the community, we were on a basketball court and I was a little kid at this time. So I wasn’t dominating on the court like I do today. But anyway, I was just a little kid. I was a little kid, but the older guys, some of my brothers and the older guys, they were playing. As I was on the sideline watching, two of them got into it and one of the guys, he beat the brakes off of the other guy, just beat the brakes off of him.

Back in those days, you can have a good fist fight. Well, I like those older days and those older days, you can have a good fist fight and you know, just settle things. Now, you can’t do that. You can’t do that today because they were going to pull a gun on you now, but you can’t have a good fist fight anymore. So they had a good fist fight and one guy had just beat the brakes off the other guy, but after it was over, you know, they went back to playing basketball again.

And in the middle of the next game a little dissension arose again between those same two and so the one who had just beaten the brakes off and him, he said, “Do you want to step back into the grass?” The other guy just, he didn’t want to go back to the grass anymore. So that’s the way the devil is. He’s already been defeated. He’s already been whipped and when you remind him of that whip, he doesn’t want any other part of that again.

So you enforce your victory over the devil. And so that’s what Verse 13 is talking about that. I love that. I get a kick out of that. Praise God. Oh, man, the devil has just climbed up under a rock
while I'm talking about it. I like to embarrass him and laugh at him. Praise God. Amen. Amen.

Now look at Verse 14. Look at Verse 14. “Because he has set his love upon me,” now all of Psalms 91 changes at Verse 14. This is no longer written by the psalmist. Now God himself speaks. Notice it changes. God himself speaks in first person in Verse 14. God speaks now. “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.”

And so we see God himself speaks beginning at Verse 14 through 16. God is now talking first person. God is speaking himself. And so God is saying any man that I meet two criteria, any man that has set his love on me and that’ll know my name. Those two criteria. Any man that will set his love, everybody say, “Set your love on him and know his name.” Set your love on him. What does it mean to set your love on him? That means when he’s your heart beat, he’s every breath you take. He’s your heart’s desire. He’s your heart’s delight. He’s the rejoicing of your heart. He’s your first thought when your eyes open in the morning and your last thought when they close at night. That’s setting your heart on him to put him first in everything. He’s a sinner of everything. He’s the first of everything.

You always give him first consideration and give him first thought. Give him the first part of your day. You give him the first day of your week. You give him first portion of your income. You give him the first consideration in any decision. This is where you’re setting your love on him when whatever breaks his heart, breaks your heart. Where you want nothing more than to delight to do his will, to keep his Commandments, when you want nothing more than just to be with him just for the sake of being with him.

When you don’t want anything. You’re not after a blessing. You’re not after anything. There’s no ulterior motive. You just want to be with him just because you want to be with him. That’s setting your love on him. That’s setting your love on him. You
don't want anything. You'll be satisfied just to have him. You just want him. You just want him.

The psalm has talked about this that you can do this in your own private study, but if you study out Psalms 42 and Psalms 63, you will see the cry of the psalmist. The Lord my heart pants after you as a hart panteth after the water brooks, oh God, my soul thirsteth for thee, the living God. And so you study Psalms 42 and Psalm 63. You’ll see that where you want nothing but God. That’s setting your love on him. That’s setting your love on him.

And so God is saying when you set your love on me, and you know, my name, God’s revealed by his name and God’s word reveals his name. When you know my name, we learn a couple of names of God in Psalms 91. We learned about El Shaddai the Almighty God, the all-powerful God, the God who’s more than enough, the all sufficient one. We also learn El Elyon, the most high God. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high. El Elyon, his name is higher than any other name. He’s above anything any other office. He’s above any other any other, any other, any other. He’s above any other. That’s El Elyon. He’s the most high.

He’s El Shaddai. He’s El Elyon and when you study out the names of God and you realize that he's Jehovah-Rohi, your Shepherd. He’s Jehovah-Rapha your healer. He’s Jehovah-Nissi your victory. He’s Jehovah Shalom, your peace. He’s Jehovah-Jireh, your provider. He’s Jehovah-M’Kaddesh, the Lord who sanctifies you. He’s Jehovah-Tsidkenu, the Lord your righteousness. He’s Jehovah-Shammah, Lord who’s always with you. He’s El Roi, the God who sees you, knows you, wants you, and lifts you up.

He is Jehovah himself. He is Jehovah himself. Jehovah means personal, intimate, God who reveals himself in a personal intimate way as Jehovah and there are a few other names that God and I’m going to have to come back and I’m out of time tonight.

That’s a whole teaching in and of itself. But there are few other powerful names of God that I’ll share with you but man, God himself says in something when you’ll know my name and then let me give you these last two names. He’s Abba, Abba Father
and then if you want to go without names you could just call him wonderful, counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. You can call him a way maker. You can call him the living water. You can call him the bread of life. You can call him a bridge over troubled water. You can call him a bright morning star. You can call him a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valley.

And so he has so many names that reveals who he is. He’s your deliverer. He’s your protector. And then after you go through all the names of God all of his attributes, you can go through all of who God is, then you settled up on his name is Jesus. Did you all didn’t hear me now? I said his name is Jesus. His name is Jesus. His name is Jesus.

So if we set our love on him and know his name, he gives us seven things that happens when you set your love on him and know his name. He honors you, he delivers you, he answers you when you call on, he’s with you in trouble, he lifts you on high with a long life, he satisfies you, he shows you his salvation. Seven things that happens when you know his name and you set your love on him. Praise God. I’m out of time.

I’ve got one minute left. Stand on your feet, Praise God. Give the Lord a hand for his word, man. I’m just so excited. I’m so excited. I wish you all will just turn me loose and let me preach. Man, I’m so excited. Praise God.

And before you all leave tonight, I brought you all some Psalm 91 cards. I’m going to give you all some Psalm 91 cards so you can put them up in your window at home. I tell you about the testimony of the man who put the Psalms 91 in his window and how it brought protection and blessing. So I brought you some Psalm 91 cards so don’t leave tonight until you get them and go home, put them in your window. I’ve already put them in several of my windows at home. I even put one in my car window. Praise God. Glory, glory, glory!

Let’s pray. Father, thank you so much. Thank you for Psalms 91. Lord, we just honor you and we praise you and we love you. We set our love on you. And Lord, we’ll continually learning your name. Thank you for honoring us, delivering us and showing us your salvation, satisfying us with long life, being with us, lifting us on high and delivering us and being with us in trouble. We
love you so much. Thank you so much, Father. This in Jesus' name we pray, let every heart say amen. Amen. Amen.

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